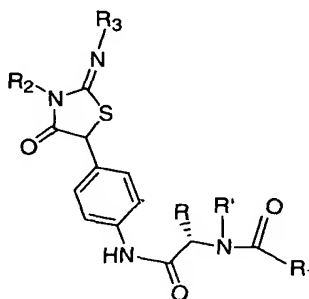


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Disclosed are combination pharmaceutical agents for the treatment of an HCV infection comprising a compound effective to inhibit the function of the HCV NS5A protein and another compound having anti-HCV activity. Compounds which can  
 5 inhibit the function of the NS5A protein having the structure of formula I are described

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wherein R, R', R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are as defined in the specification.

The other compounds having anti-HCV activity are effective to inhibit the function of a target selected from the group consisting of HCV metalloprotease, HCV serine  
 15 protease, HCV polymerase, HCV helicase, HCV NS4B protein, HCV entry, HCV assembly, HCV egress, HCV NS5A protein, IMPDH and a nucleoside analog for the treatment of an HCV infection.